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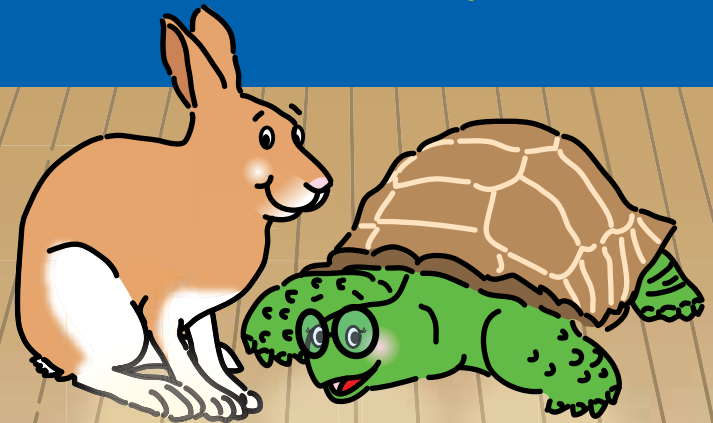
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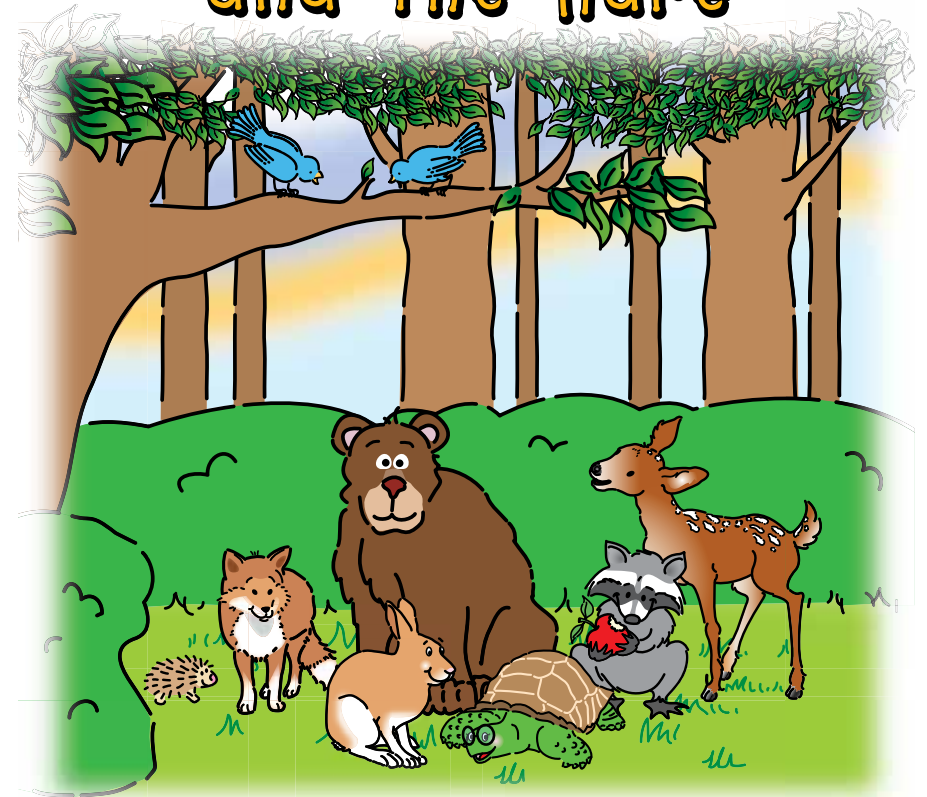


Group 2: She had won the race. While the Hare slept, the Tortoise had walked slowly on and on!

Group 3: All the animals joined Tortoise and said:

ALL: We can all be leaders, fast or slow
and no matter how quickly each of us goes
We won't give up,
we'll keep up our pace
For slow and steady wins the race.

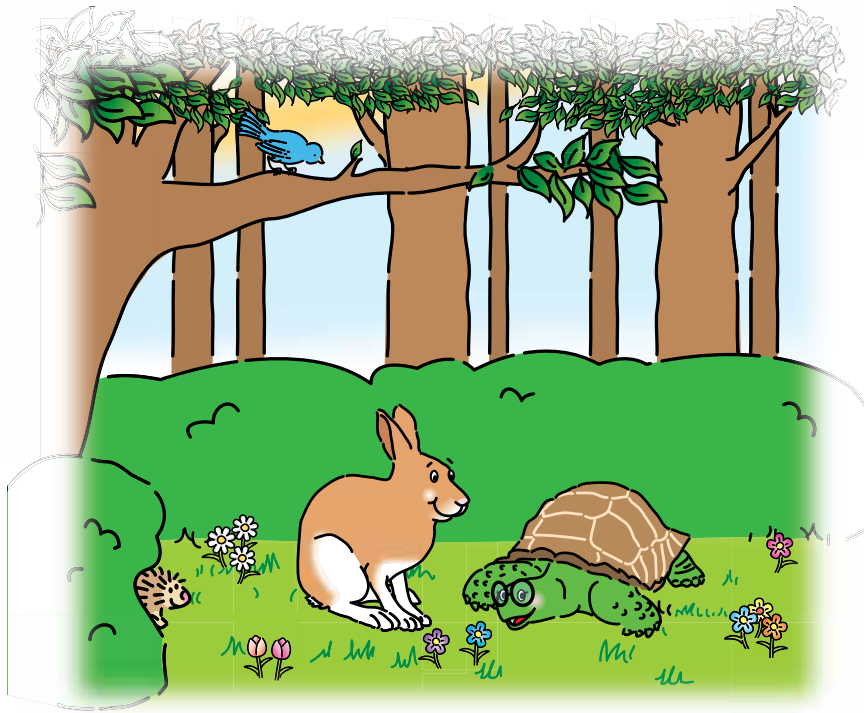
The Tortoise and the Hare



Group 1: The story that we are going to tell you is a fable.

Group 2: This story did not happen. It is not true.

Group 3: But it can teach us a lesson. Here is the story of *The Tortoise and the Hare*.



Group 1: Once upon a time, a group of animals lived in the forest.

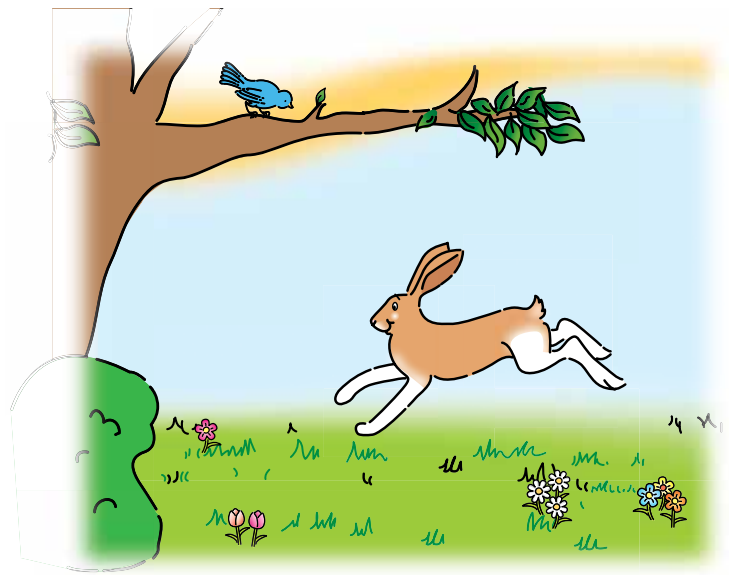
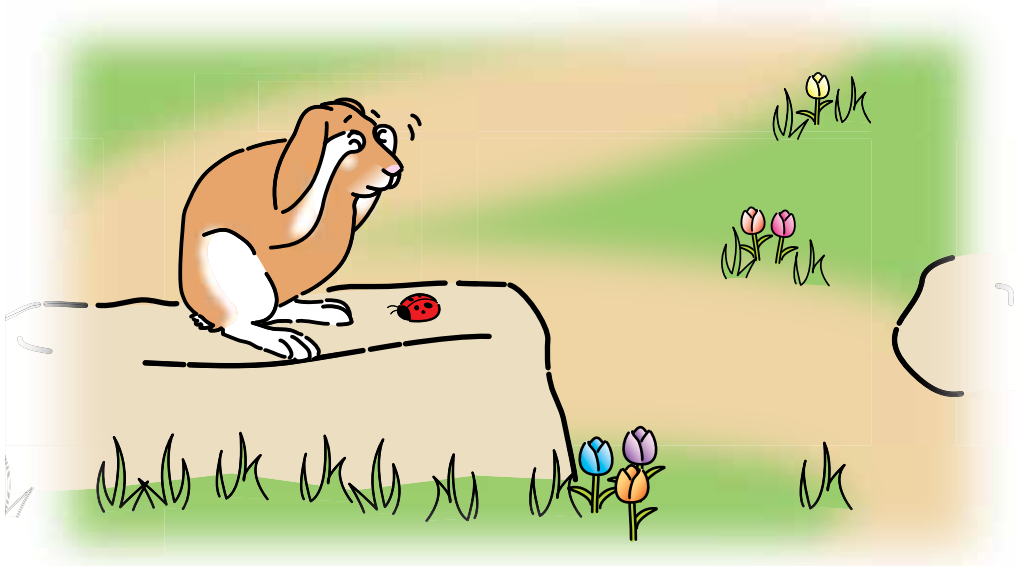
Group 2: In this group there was a Hare. He was always bragging that he could run faster than any other forest animal.

Group 3: And he always made fun of the Tortoise. He made fun of her short legs and her slow, slow walk. He would always say:



Group 3: What could it be? Hare raced to the finish line.

Group 1: He was too late. There was Tortoise, smiling.



ALL: Slow and steady wins the race.
Don't give up,
just keep your pace!

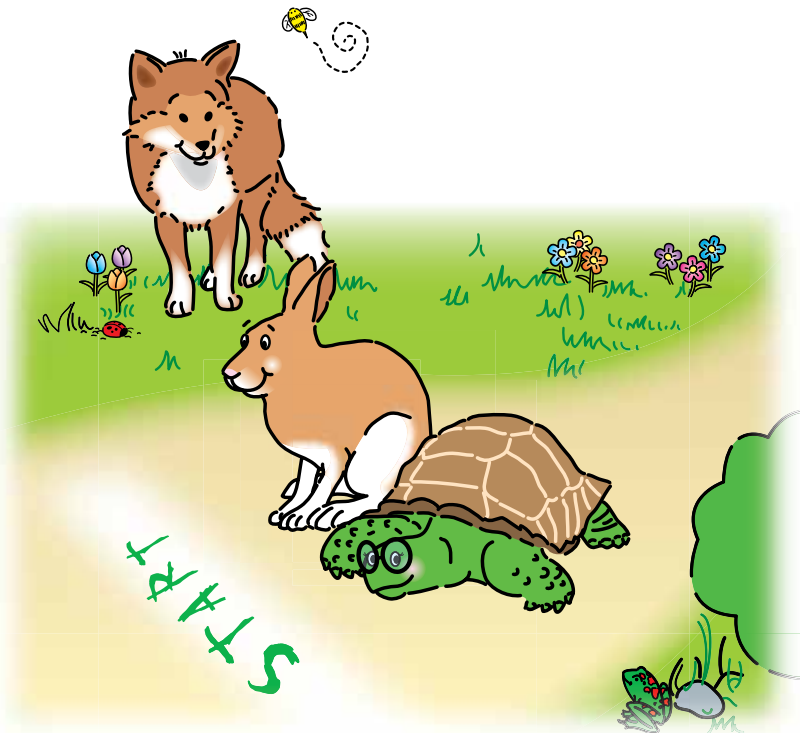
Group 2: All of a sudden, the Hare woke
up. He could hear cheering.

ALL: I can run just like the wind.
I am built for speed.
You are short and oh so slow!
You could never lead!

Group 1: One day the Tortoise got so tired
of listening to the Hare brag that
she said, "I could beat you in
a race!"

Group 2: The Hare started to laugh!
"That is impossible," he said.
"Is this a joke?"

Group 3: All the animals were watching the
Hare and the Tortoise. The Hare
felt that he had to agree to race
the Tortoise.



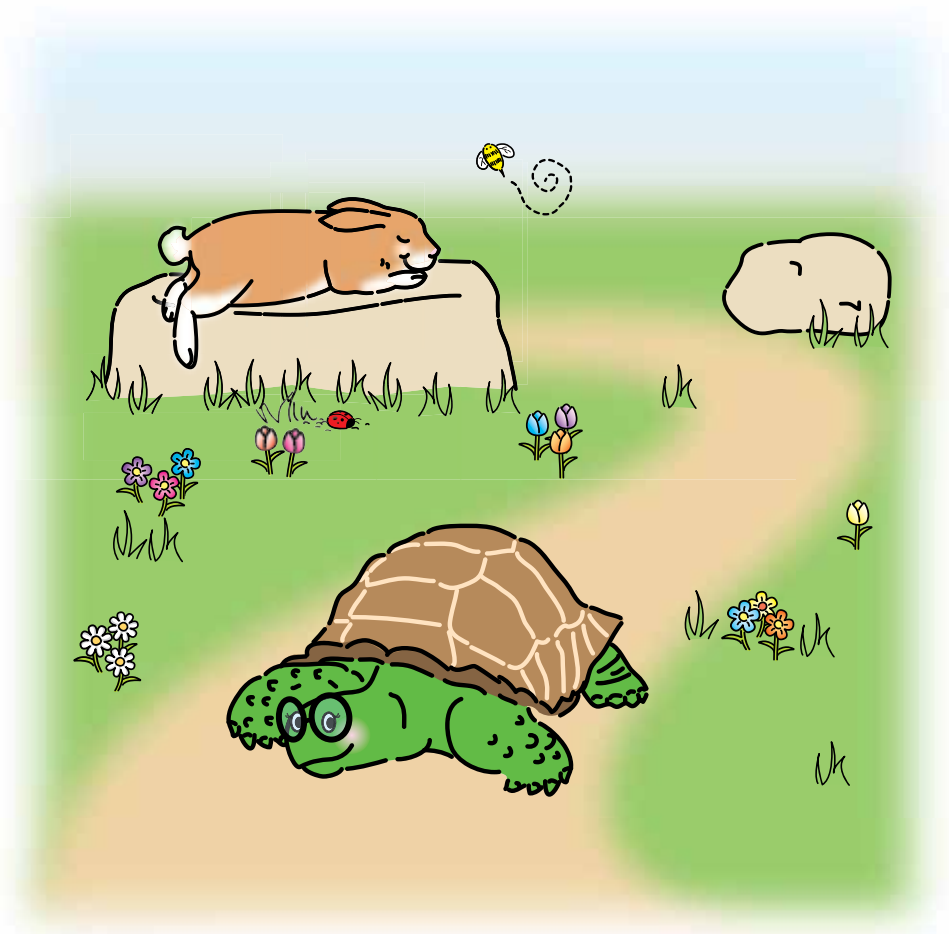
Group 1: The clever Fox was chosen to be the judge. He set the rules and the day of the race.

Group 2: All the animals came to watch. The day of the race came. The Hare and the Tortoise started at the same time.

Group 3: The Hare was off to such a fast start that the Tortoise was soon far behind.

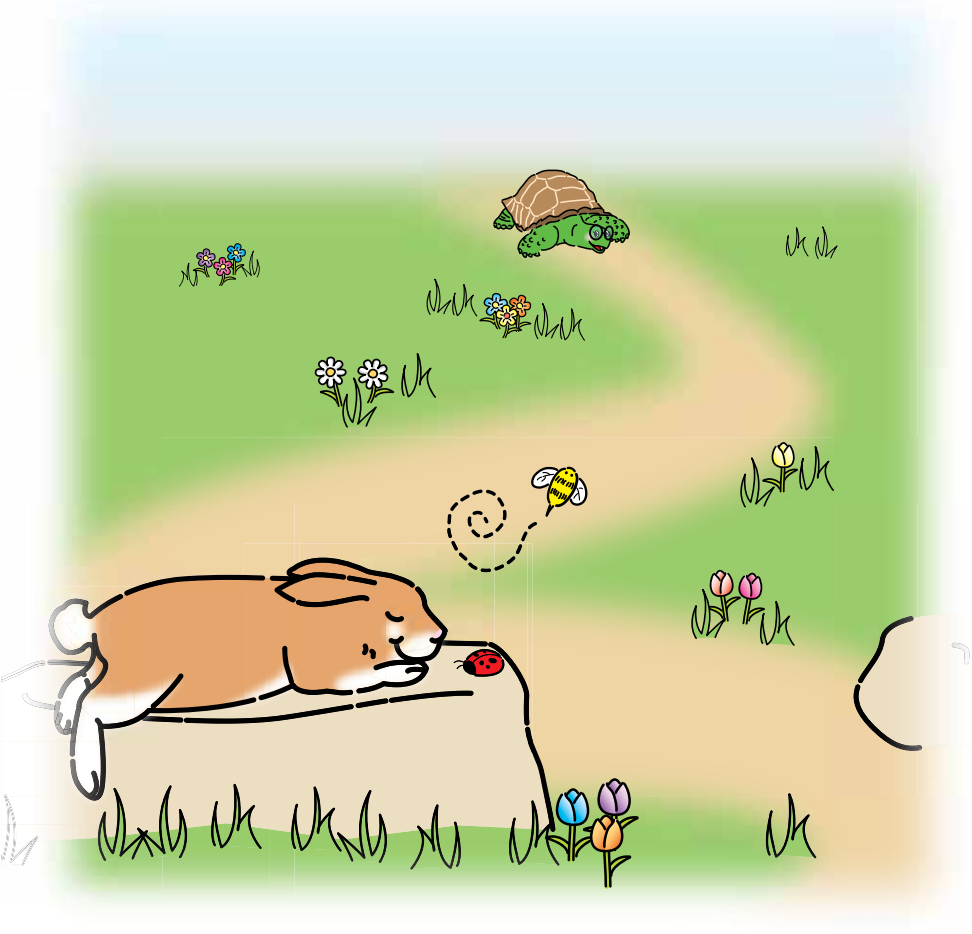
ALL: Slow and steady wins the race.
Don't give up,
just keep your pace!

Group 1: The Hare slept, and the Tortoise walked on!



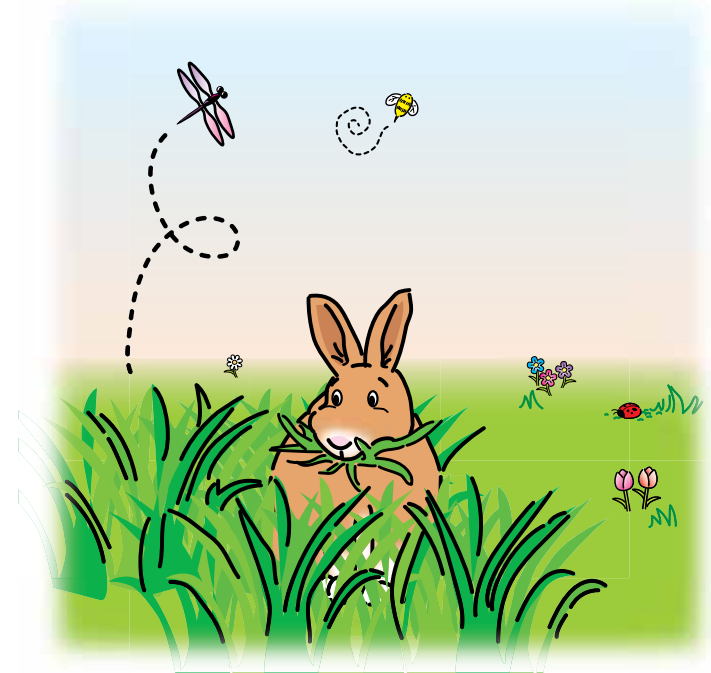
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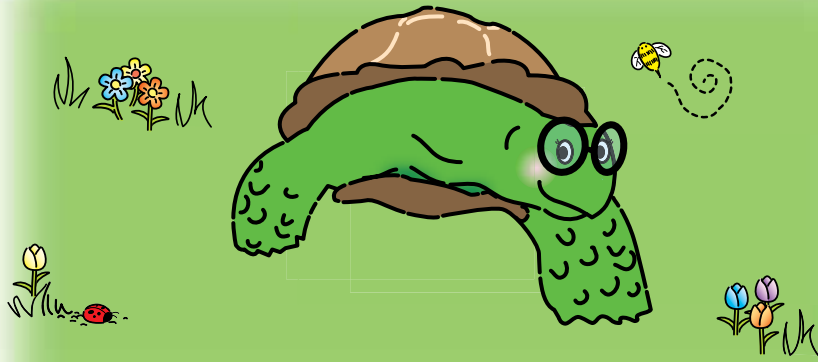
Group 3: While the Hare slept, the Tortoise walked on and on. All the while she said to herself:



Group 1: The Hare looked back to check if he could see the Tortoise. When he could not see her, the Hare stopped to nibble some sweet grasses. After he had his snack, he said:

ALL: I can run just like the wind.
I am built for speed.
You are short and oh so slow!
You could never lead!

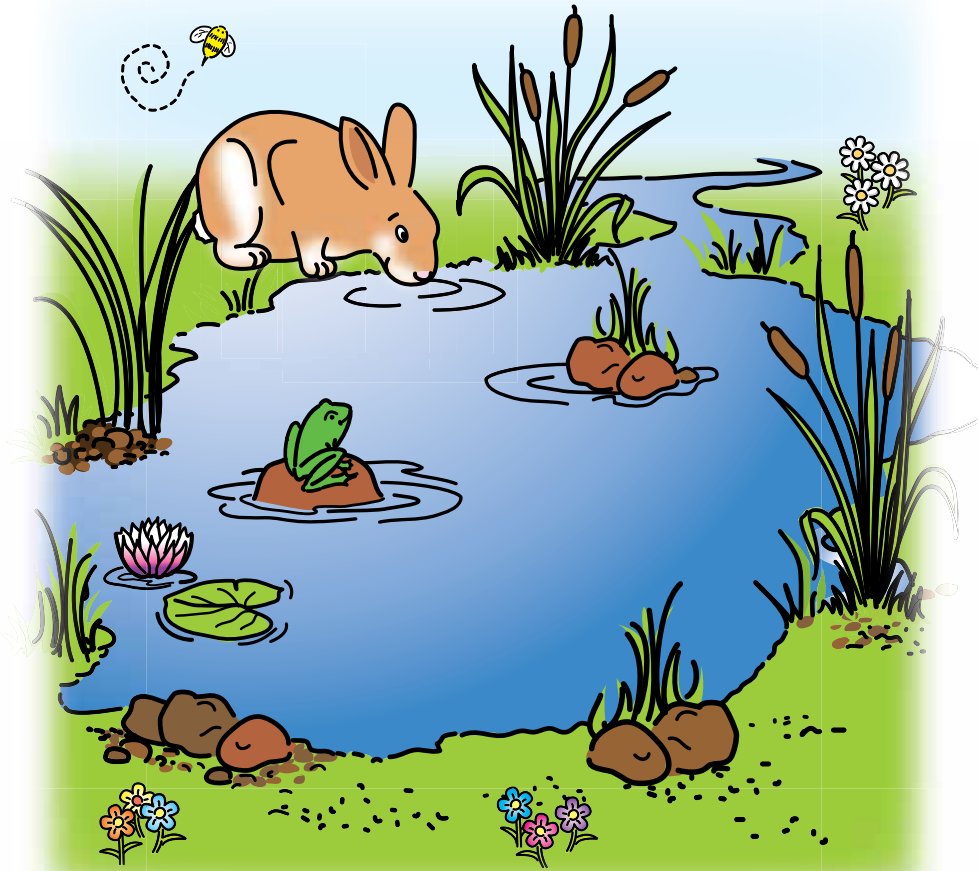




Group 2: At the same time the Tortoise walked slowly ahead with only one thought:

ALL: Slow and steady wins the race. Don't give up, just keep your pace!

Group 3: After his snack, the Hare went back to the race and ran quickly on. He looked back. The Tortoise was nowhere in sight.



Group 1: The Hare decided to get a cool drink of water from the stream.

Group 2: He checked the road again. Still he could not see the Tortoise. He was so far ahead that he decided to take a short nap. As he fell asleep he thought: